

MQG VIRTUAL CHARITY QUILT TEAM

INSTRUCTIONS

This is based on the instructions sent out to each team member with their fabric. Feel free to use!!

Hello Team,

We had a wonderful planning meeting—it was fun to see and hear each other on our video call.

Here is our design plan. The MQG theme this year is **SCALE SCALE SCALE....** and we decided to make blocks in 4 different sizes. The block we selected is the Plus Block---also called Wonky Crosses.

A great tutorial for this block can be found here:

<http://www.sewmamasew.com/2010/04/wonky-cross-block-sew-along/>

We also have some photos in this note.

QUESTIONS: If you have questions, email the group and we'll try to answer them as soon as possible.

PALETTE & FABRICS:

1. We will make our blocks from **SOLIDS** from the suggested manufacturers OR other solids that are the same colors.
2. Everyone will receive a 'starter bundle' of some of the fabrics from [insert name] in the mail by [insert date]. This starter bundle will have two or three of the 8 colors in the palette
3. You can add additional colors from your own stash as long as you stick to the palette. Please—do not add any prints, tone-on-tone or near solids. You do not have to use these fabrics—it is your choice if you want to substitute similar color solids from your stash. The fabrics you receive are yours to keep.
4. Please **do NOT add any silver/gray** fabric—only use what has been sent to you. We want everyone to use the same gray fabric for consistency because the gray will be used in our negative space as well as in some of the blocks.

MAKING BLOCKS:

- Everyone has been assigned a size and number of blocks to make. (see chart on page 4).
- Each block is made from 2 colors—one color for the background and one color for the Plus. Make your blocks without repeating a color—that way we'll have a lot of variety. For example, Block 1 can be dark blue and yellow; Block 2 can be Silver and Hyacinth; Block 3 can be Pink and Yarrow.
- **Go for very high contrast when you choose the two colors!** For example, do not make your block using the two blue shades because the contrast will be low. Instead, you might pair up the deepest blue with one of the pinks or yellows. An easy way to check for contrast is take a picture with your camera phone or digital camera and then change it to monochrome or black and white. (Most camera phones have a filter for this.)
- Press your seams open as you go.
- Please do not use perfumed starch or sizing. If you have pets, please try to shake off any pet hair before mailing to [insert name].

OVERSIZE YOUR BLOCKS: We want you to send us slightly oversized blocks-- see the cutting instructions below for more specific instructions! Finished Block sizes for the quilts will be 3.5 inches, 5.5 inches and 8.5 inches but the team that puts together the top will cut your blocks down to size.

DUE DATE: All blocks are due on or before [INSERT DATE]. Please mail your blocks to [INSERT NAME & ADDRESS]. It's OK to fold them into regular size envelopes to save postage. Be sure to put a your name on a slip of paper in the envelope with your blocks so Carole can track who has completed their blocks.

LAYOUT: The layout team will create a unique layout using as many of the blocks for the top as possible. We'll also use any remaining blocks for a pieced back.

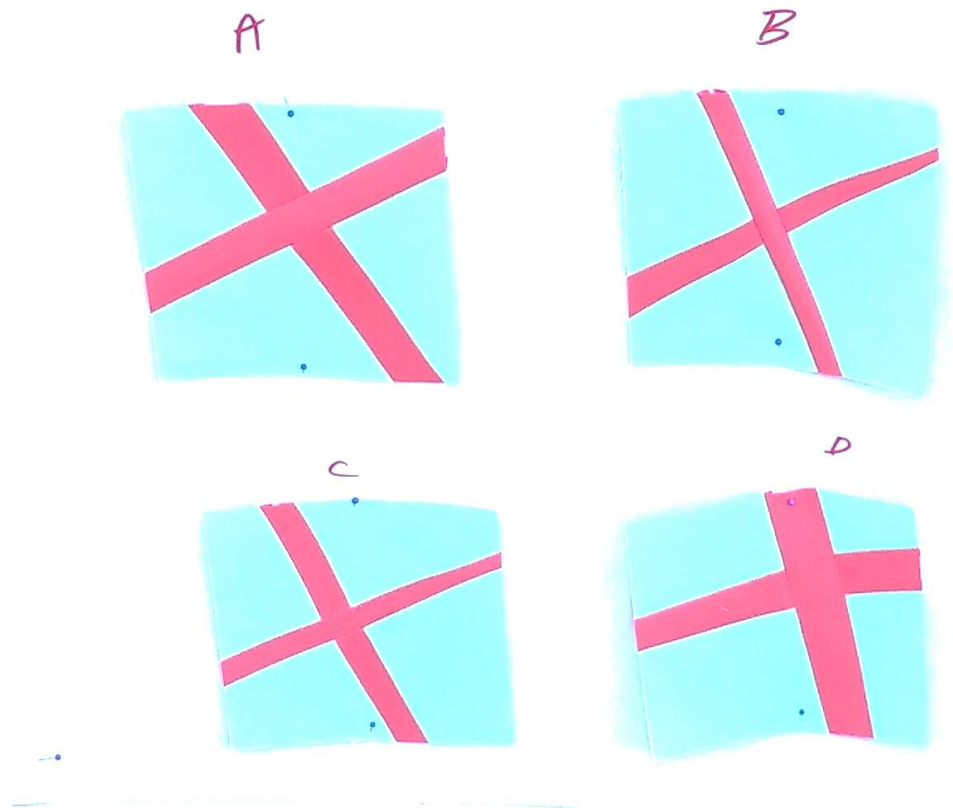
BLOCK CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

A great tutorial on the process can be found here:

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All blocks are slightly oversized so that the layout team can square them up as needed. Also, you can cut your cross strips freehand—in other words, they can vary in width from one end to the other for an even more improvisational look.

| YOUR UNFINISHED BLOCK SIZE You do NOT need to add a quarter inch seam allowance. | CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS Choose pairs of fabrics that give you high contrast. |
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| 4 inches BY 4 inches | Start with a 5 inch square and 2 strips measuring between 1 and 1.5 inches |
| 6 inches BY 6 inches | Start with a 7 inch square and 2 strips measuring between 1.5 and 2.0 inches |
| 9 inches BY 9 inches | Start with a 10 inch square and 2 strips measuring between 1.5 and 2.5 inches |



Here are four samples. A, B and C are great examples. But Block D (lower right) is not a good example because the cross intersection is too close to the edge of the block. It might get nearly cut off when the block is pieced into the quilt.

BLOCK ASSIGNMENTS

| FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | 4 by 4 inches | 6 by 6 inches | 9 by 9 inches |
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Layout team will make several 13.5 inch blocks to add to the top.